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January

First

If you want to win your battles, take an' work your bloomin' guns!

Snarleyow.

Second

Perfect shamelessness, like perfect virtue, is impregnable.

The New Army, 1915.

Third

If we fall in the race, though we win, the hoof-
slide is scarred on the course;
Though Allah and Earth pardon Sin, remaineth
for ever Remorse.

Certain Maxims of Hafiz.

Fourth

Providence . . . fashioned Man on one day and Woman on another, in sign that neither should know more than a very little of the other's life.

The Education of Otis Yeere.

Fifth

It is not learning, grace, nor gear,
  Nor easy meat and drink,
But bitter pinch of pain and fear
  That makes creation think.

The Benefactors.

Sixth

The female of the species is more deadly than the male.

The Female of the Species.

Seventh

Hit a man an' help a woman, an' ye can't be far wrong anyways.

Maxims of Private Mulvaney.

Eighth

For all our long faces, we are the only genuinely humorous race on earth.

The New Army, 1915.

Ninth

Try as he will, no man breaks wholly loose
  From his first love, no matter who she be;
Oh, was there ever sailor free to choose
  Who didn't settle somewhere near the sea?

The Virginity.

Tenth

Crazy people with only a single idea . . . are the men who make things move; but they are not nice to talk to.

A Germ Destroyer.

Eleventh

E'en as he trod that day to God so walked he
from his birth,
In simpleness and gentleness and honour and
clean mirth.

To Wolcott Balestier.

Twelfth

The English do not think as natives do. They brood over matters that a native would dismiss till a fitting occasion; and what they would not think twice about a native will brood over till a fitting occasion: then native and English stare at each other hopelessly across great gulfs of miscomprehension.

Life's Handicap. Preface.

Thirteenth

Saul he went to look for donkeys, and by God he found a kingdom!

The Explorer.

Fourteenth

All we have of freedom, all we use or know—
This our fathers bought for us long and long ago.
Ancient Right unnoticed as the breath we draw,
Leave to live by no man's leave, underneath the Law.

The Old Issue.

Fifteenth

'It were better to go up to heaven in a coal-basket than down to hell i' a coach and six.'

On Greenhow Hill.

Sixteenth

You cannot reform a lady of many lovers, and Asia has been insatiable in her flirtations aforetimes. She will never attend Sunday school or learn to vote save with swords for tickets.

The Man Who Was.

Seventeenth

"The work is with us, the event is with Allah."

Orde: The Head of the District.

Eighteenth

They paid the price to reach their goal,
  Across the world in flame;
But their own hate slew their own soul
  Before that victory came.

The Outlaws, 1914.

Nineteenth

Deliver me from every pride—the Middle,
  High and Low—
That bars me from a brother's side, whatever
  pride he show.
And purge me from all heresies of thought and
  speech and pen,
That bid me judge him otherwise than I am
  judged. *Amen!*

A Pilgrim's Way.

Twentieth

"God has made very many heads, but there is only one heart in all the world among your people or my people."

Gobind: Life's Handicap.

Twenty-first

"I forgive every woman everything."

Mrs. Mallowe: A Second-rate Woman.

Twenty-second

I'm learnin' 'ere in London what the ten-year soldier tells:
'If you've 'eard the East a-callin', you won't never 'eed naught else.'

Mandalay.

Twenty-third

A regiment has just as much right to its own secrets as a woman.

Only a Subaltern.

Twenty-fourth

"Atmosphere is life. It is the influences under which we live that count in the long run."

The Grey Cat: Below the Mill Dam.

Twenty-fifth

"She never scrupled to feed a lame duck or set 'er foot on a scorpion at any time of 'er life."

Sergeant Pritchard: Mrs. Bathurst.

Twenty-sixth

Far and far our homes are set round the Seven Seas;
Woe to us if we forget, we that hold by these!

Unto each his mother-beach, bloom and bird
and land—
Masters of the Seven Seas, oh, love and
understand.

The Flowers.

Twenty-seventh

Truth is a naked lady, and if by accident she is drawn up from the bottom of the sea, it behoves a gentleman either to give her a print petticoat or to turn his face to the wall and vow that he did not see.

A Matter of Fact.

Twenty-eighth

"You buy an 'am an' see life."

Pyecroft: Their Lawful Occasions.

Twenty-ninth

It is no lie that at the present moment we hold all the seas in the hollow of our hands. For that reason we shuffle over them shamefaced and apologetic, making arrangements here and flagrant compromises there, in order to give substance to the lie that we have dropped fortuitously into this high seat and are looking round the world for some one to resign it to.

The Fringes of the Fleet, 1916.

Thirtieth

God gave all men all earth to love,
But since our hearts are small,
Ordained for each one spot should prove
Belovèd over all.

Sussex.

Thirty-first

"Well, it isn't so dam' bad—considering."

The New Army, 1915.

February

First

All things on Earth your will shall win you. . . .
But the Kingdom—the Kingdom is within you.

To the Seven Watchmen.

Second

Still a cultured Christian age sees us scuffle, squeak, and rage,
Still we pinch and slap and jabber, scratch and dirk;
Still we let our business slide—as we dropped the half-dressed hide—
To show a fellow-savage how to work.

In the Neolithic Age.

Third

The man who looks on can talk about the light hand; but you can't clean a pig-stye with a pen dipped in rose-water.

At the End of the Passage.

Fourth

Confound Romance! . . . And all unseen Romance brought up the nine-fifteen.

The King.

Fifth

"I always prefer to believe the best of everybody; it saves so much trouble."

Mrs. Mallowe: A Second-rate Woman.

Sixth

A wise head . . . knows that what appears to be a studied insult may be no more than some man's indigestion or woman's indisposition, to be treated as such, and explained by quiet talk.

Judson and the Empire.

Seventh

All the earth is full of tales to him who listens and does not drive away the poor from his door.

Life's Handicap: Preface.

Eighth

"I could never take an interest in a monotonous liar."

Mrs. Mallowe: A Second-rate Woman.

Ninth

Hospitality catholic as an Arab's . . . friendships deep as the sea and steady as the fighting line; honour won by hard roads for honour's sake.

Only a Subaltern.

Tenth

All Power, each Tyrant, every Mob,
  Whose head has grown too large,
Ends by destroying its own job,
  And earns its own discharge.

The Benefactors.

Eleventh

Look to a man who has the counsel of a woman of or above the world to back him. . . . Such a man goes far, or, the counsel being withdrawn, collapses suddenly while his world seeks the reason.

The Education of Otis Yeere.

Twelfth

"Some folk and some fields never alter."

Puck: Cold Iron.

Thirteenth

If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster, and treat those two impostors just the same——

If.

Fourteenth

We have fed our sea for a thousand years,
And she calls us, still unfed,
Though there's never a wave of all her waves
But marks our English Dead.

The Song of the Dead.

Fifteenth

"He's what is called a first-class engine-room artificer. If you hand 'im a drum of oil an' leave 'im alone, he can coax a stolen bicycle to do typewritin'."

Emanuel Pyecroft: Their Lawful Occasions.

Sixteenth

"Ye cannot in one place rule and in another bear service."

Umr Singh: A Sahib's War.

Seventeenth

There's a Legion that never was 'listed,
That carries no colour or crest,
But, split in a thousand detachments,
Is breaking the road for the rest.

The Lost Legion.

Eighteenth

. . . Taking tired people to the Island of the Blest.

The Three-decker.

Nineteenth

"I should like you better if you were not always looking into people's back-bedrooms."

Mrs. Mallowe.

"Anybody can look into their front drawing-rooms; and remember whatever I do, and whatever I look, I never talk."

Mrs. Hauksbee: A Second-rate Woman.

Twentieth

The hearts of men and women beat back at the rebound, so that love is born out of horror, and passion declares itself when the soul is quivering with pain.

The Record of Badalia Herodsfoot.

Twenty-first

The sinner that forswore Thee,
  The fool that passed Thee by,
Our times are known before Thee—
  Lord, grant us strength to die!

Hymn Before Action.

Twenty-second

Buy my English posies!
  Kent and Surrey may—
Violets of the undercliff
  Wet with Channel spray.

The Flowers.

Twenty-third

If their own front door is shut, they'll swear the whole world's warm.

Cleared.

Twenty-fourth

When a man stands still he feels the slightest impulse from without.

The Education of Otis Yeere.

Twenty-fifth

Those who have passed to the further shore,
May be hailed—at a price—on the road to En-dor.

En-dor.

Twenty-sixth

Lived a woman wonderful,
(May the Lord amend her!)
Neither simple, kind, nor true,
But her Pagan beauty drew
Christian gentlemen a few
Hotly to attend her.

South Africa.

Twenty-seventh

"In the absence of angels, who I am sure would be horribly dull, men and women are the most fascinating things in the whole wide world."

Mrs. Hauksbee: A Second-rate Woman.

Twenty-eighth

To hear the music of a country is like hearing a woman think aloud.

France at War.

March

First

As was the sowing so was the reaping
  Is now and evermore shall be.
Thou art delivered to thy own keeping,
  Only thyself hath afflicted thee!

Natural Theology.

Second

Once a priest, always a priest; once a mason, always a mason; but once a journalist, always and for ever a journalist.

A Matter of Fact.

Third

"All women are alike. They only want the admiration—from anybody—no matter who—anybody! But there is always *one* man that they care for more than anyone else in the world, and would sacrifice all the others to."

Mrs. Herriott: The Story of the Gadsbys.

Fourth

Life . . . was not made with the mountains,
it is not one with the deep,
Men, not gods, devised it. Men, not gods,
must keep.

The Islanders.

Fifth

With those that bred, with those that loosed
the strife,
He had no part whose hands were clear of
gain;
But subtle, strong, and stubborn, gave his
life
To a lost cause, and knew the gift was
vain.

General Joubert.

Sixth

"All complications are as old as the hills."

Mrs. Mallowe: A Second-rate Woman.

Seventh

"I hold by the Ould Church, for she's the mother of them all—ay, an' the father, too. I like her bekaze she's most remarkable regimental in her fittings. . . . There's neither high nor low, nor broad nor deep,

nor betwixt nor between wid her, an' that's what I like. But mark you, she's no manner av Church for a wake man, bekaze she takes the body and the soul av him, onless he has his proper work to do. . . . That's why I say ut takes a strong man to deal with the Ould Church, an' for that reason you'll find so many women go there."

Private Mulvaney: On Greenhow Hill.

Eighth

Speaking to or crying over a husband never did any good yet.

Three and—an Extra.

Ninth

In all things the Frenchman is gloriously an artist.

France at War.

Tenth

Truly we are an odd Family! Australia and New Zealand (the Maori War not counted), got everything for nothing. South Africa gave everything and got less than nothing, Canada has given and taken all along the line for nigh on three hundred years, and in some respects is the wisest, as she should be the happiest of us all.

The Road to Quebec.

Eleventh

There is no need to give our reasons, though
Gawd knows we all 'ad reasons which were fair;
But other people might not judge 'em so,
And now it doesn't matter what they were.

Wilful Missing.

Twelfth

Winds of the World, give answer! They are whispering to and fro—
And what should they know of England who only England know?

The English Flag.

Thirteenth

"Better the sight of eyes that see than wanderin' o' desire!"

MacAndrew's Hymn.

Fourteenth

Meddling with another man's folly is always thankless work.

The Rescue of Pluffles.

Fifteenth

There is no sense in fleein' (I 'ave fled.)

The Instructor.

Sixteenth

Ah! What avails the classic bent,
  And what the cultured word,
Against the undoctored incident
  That actually occurred?

The Benefactors.

Seventeenth

Where there are Irish there's loving and fighting,
And when we stop either, it's Ireland no more!

The Irish Guards, 1918.

Eighteenth

There is always a touch of the cateran in the most docile Scot, even as the wolf persists in every dog.

The New Army, 1915.

Nineteenth

He passed in the very battle smoke,
Of the War that he had descried,
Three hundred mile of cannon spoke
When the Master Gunner died.

Lord Roberts, 1914.

Twentieth

There are nine and sixty ways of constructing
tribal lays,
And every single one of them is right!

In the Neolithic Age.

Twenty-first

I paid my price for findin' out,
Nor never grutched the price I paid,
But sat in clink without my boots,
Admirin' 'ow the world was made.

For to admire.

Twenty-second

"Treat me civilly, give me peace with honour, don't put the only available seat facing the window, and a child may eat jam in my lap before Church."

Mrs. Hauksbee: A Second-rate Woman.

Twenty-third

"The ineradicable offensiveness of youth is partially compensated for by its eternal hopefulness."

The Grey Cat: Below the Mill Dam.

Twenty-fourth

Much that is written about Oriental passion and impulsiveness is exaggerated and compiled at second-hand, but a little of it is true.

Beyond the Pale.

Twenty-fifth

Ask, ere the youngster be rated and chidden,
What did he carry and how was he ridden?
Maybe they used him too much at the start,
Maybe Fate's weightclothes are breaking his heart.

Life's Handicap.

Twenty-sixth

"He who rebukes the World is rebuked by the World."

The Mugger: The Undertakers.

Twenty-seventh

Allah never intended the Gunner to talk.
His own arm does that for him.

The New Army, 1915.

Twenty-eighth

Four things greater than all things are—
Women and Horses and Power and War.

The King's Jest.

Twenty-ninth

Take up the White Man's burden—
And reap his old reward,
The blame of those ye better,
The hate of those ye guard.

The White Man's Burden.

Thirtieth

"Some women'll stay in a man's memory if they once walk down the street, but most of 'em you can live with a month on end, an' next commission you'd be put to it to certify whether they talked in their sleep or not, as one might say."

Emanuel Pyecroft: Mrs. Bathurst.

Thirty-first

Now India is a place beyond all others where one must not take things too seriously—the midday sun always excepted.

Thrown Away.

April

First

Who shall doubt the "secret hid"
  Under Cheops' pyramid
Was that the contractor did
  Cheops out of several millions?

A General Summary.

Second

Open and obvious devotion from any sort of man is always pleasant to any sort of woman.

On the Strength of a Likeness.

Third

Deeper than speech our love, stronger than life our tether,
But we do not fall on the neck nor kiss when we come together.

England's Answer.

Fourth

O Faith, that meets ten thousand cheats
  Yet drops no jot of faith!

To the True Romance.

Fifth

Takin' our chances as they come along,
An' when they ain't, pretendin' they are
good.

Sestina of the Tramp Royal.

Sixth

A liar only lies when he hopes to be believed.

The Adjutant: The Undertakers.

Seventh

As it was in the beginning
Is to-day official sinning,
And shall be for evermore!

A General Summary.

Eighth

"A well-educated sense of humour will save a woman when Religion, Training, and Home influences fail; and we may all need salvation sometimes."

Mrs. Hauksbee: A Second-rate Woman.

Ninth

"It is in my heart that grown men are but as little children in the matter of tales, and the oldest tale is the most beloved."

Gobind: Life's Handicap.

Tenth

No easy hope or lies,
Shall bring us to our goal,
But iron sacrifice
Of body, will and soul.

For all we have and are, 1914.

Eleventh

Let the organ moan her sorrow to the roof—
I have told the naked stars the Grief o' Man!
Let the trumpets snare the foeman to the proof—
I have known Defeat, and mocked it as we ran!

The Song of the Banjo.

Twelfth

One of the advantages of foreign travel is that one takes such a keen interest in, and hears so much about, Home.

From Sea to Sea.

Thirteenth

"The English . . . are a crazy breed. When they don't know you they freeze up tighter'n the St. Lawrence. When they *do,* they go out like an ice-jam in April."

Laughton O. Zigler: The Captive.

Fourteenth

"I don't approve of boys being taken by faces."

Mrs. Hauksbee: A Second-rate Woman.

Fifteenth

"If blood be the price of admiralty,
Lord God, we ha' paid in full."

The Song of the Dead.

Sixteenth

When a matured man discovers that he has been deserted by Providence, deprived of his God, and cast without help, comfort or sympathy upon a world which is new and strange to him, his despair, which may find expression in evil-living, the writing of his experiences, or the more satisfactory diversion of suicide, is generally supposed to be impressive.

A child, under exactly similar circumstances, as far as its knowledge goes, cannot very well curse God and die. It howls till its nose is red, its eyes are sore, and its head aches.

Baa, Baa, Black Sheep.

Seventeenth

When you get a man in the case,
They're like as a row of pins—
For the Colonel's Lady an' Judy O'Grady
Are sisters under their skins.

The Ladies.

Eighteenth

In the imputation of things evil, and in putting the worst construction on things innocent, a certain type of good people may be trusted to surpass all others.

Watches of the Night.

Nineteenth

Ride with an idle whip, ride with an unused heel,
But, once in a way, there will come a day
When the colt must be taught to feel
The lash that falls, and the curb that galls, and the sting of the rowelled steel.

Life's Handicap.

Twentieth

Every man is entitled to his own religious opinions; but no man—least of all a junior—has a right to thrust these down other men's throats.

The Conversion of Aurelian McGoggin.

Twenty-first

. . . They who use the Word assigned,
  To hearten and make whole,
Not less than gods have served mankind,
  Though vultures rend their soul.

A Recantation.

Twenty-second

If your officer's dead and the sergeants look
  white,
Remember it's ruin to run from a fight:
So take open order, lie down, and sit tight,
  And wait for supports like a soldier.

The Young British Soldier.

Twenty-third

If England was what England seems,
  An' not the England of our dreams,
But only putty, brass an' paint,
  'Ow quick we'd drop 'er! *But she ain't!*

The Return.

"For what there is of it, for such as it is and for what it may be worth, will you drink to England and the English?"

England. [*Speech.*]

Twenty-fourth

"No wise man has a Policy. A Policy is the blackmail levied on the Fool by the

Unforeseen. I am not the former, and I do not believe in the latter."

The Viceroy: A Germ Destroyer.

Twenty-fifth

Men are as chancy as children in their choice of playthings.

Kim.

Twenty-sixth

. . . It may be, if still we sing
And tend the shrine,
Some Deity on wandering wing
May there incline.

L'Envoi.

Twenty-seventh

How can a man who has never married, who cannot be trusted to pick up at sight a moderately sound horse, whose head is hot and upset with visions of domestic felicity, go about the choosing of a wife?

Kidnapped.

Twenty-eighth

"To hear is one thing; to know is another."

The Jackal: The Undertakers.

Twenty-ninth

Why must a man give up the delight of the eye, colour that rejoices, light that cheers, and line that satisfies the innermost deeps of the heart?

The Edge of the East.

Thirtieth

"Don't be uncharitable. Any sin but that I'll forgive."

Mrs. Mallowe: A Second-rate Woman.

May

First

Cowslips from a Devon combe—
  Midland furze afire—
Buy my English posies
  And I'll sell your heart's desire!

The Flowers.

Second

When young lips have drunk deep of the bitter waters of Hate, Suspicion and Despair, all the Love in the world will not wholly take away that knowledge.

Baa, Baa, Black Sheep.

Third

If there is one thing that the Oriental detests more than another, it is the damnable Western vice of accuracy. That leads to doing things by rule.

The Edge of the East.

Fourth

It is the next century that, looking over its own, will see the heroes of our own time clearly.

Captains Courageous.

Fifth

What do it matter where or 'ow we die,
So long as we've our 'ealth to watch it all
The different ways that different things are done,
An' men an' women lovin' in this world?

Sestina of the Tramp Royal.

Sixth

It is very good to get away once more and pick up the old and ever fresh business of the vagrant, loafing through new towns, learned in the manners of dogs, babies, and perambulators half the world over, and tracking the seasons by the up-growth of flowers in stranger-people's gardens.

Across a Continent.

Seventh

If you hit a pony over the nose at the outset of your acquaintance, he may not love you, but he will take a deep interest in your movements ever afterwards.

False Dawn.

Eighth

You sometimes see a woman who would have made a Joan of Arc in another century and climate, threshing herself to pieces over all the mean worry of housekeeping.

Watches of the Night.

Ninth

Pleasant it is for the Little Tin Gods
When great Jove nods:
But Little Tin Gods make their little mistakes
In missing the hour when great Jove wakes.

A Germ Destroyer.

Tenth

However often one meets it . . . one never gets used to the Holy Spirit of Man at his job.

The Fringes of the Fleet, 1916.

Eleventh

This was never your true love's speech,
Why do you thrill when you hear it?
You that have ridden out of its reach,
The width of the world or near it!

The Oldest Song.

Twelfth

There is nothing great and nothing little in this world.

The Miracle of Purun Bhagat.

Thirteenth

There is no provincialism like the provincialism of London. That big slack-water coated with the drift and rubbish of a thousand men's thoughts esteems itself the open sea because the waves of all the oceans break on her borders. To those in her midst she is terribly imposing, but they forget that there is more than one kind of imposition.

Our Overseas Men.

Fourteenth

The head and the hoof of the Law and the haunch and the hump is—Obey!

The Law of the Jungle.

Fifteenth

A man should, whatever happens, keep to his own caste, race and breed. Let the White go to the White and the Black to the Black. Then, whatever trouble falls is in the ordinary course of things—neither sudden, alien nor unexpected.

Beyond the Pale.

Sixteenth

Men who spar with Government need, to back their blows,
Something more than ordinary journalistic prose.

The Men Who Could Write.

Seventeenth

In life, as well as racing, all the worst accidents happen at little ditches and cut-down fences.

Watches of the Night.

Eighteenth

Clean, simple, valiant, well-beloved,
  Flawless in faith and fame,
Whom neither ease nor honours moved
  An hair's-breadth from his aim.

Lord Roberts, 1914.

Nineteenth

Howsoever Love be blind, the world at large hath eyes.

A Code of Morals.

Twentieth

If there is anything that one loves an American for it is the way he stands certain kinds of punishment.

Some Earthquakes.

Twenty-first

India, the land of pilgrims. . . . All India is full of holy men stammering gospels in strange tongues; shaken and consumed

in the fires of their own zeal, dreamers, babblers and visionaries: as it has been from the beginning and will continue to the end.

Kim.

Twenty-second

As a general rule, it is inexpedient to meddle with questions of State in a land where men are highly paid to work them out for you.

A Germ Destroyer.

Twenty-third

We're most of us liars, we're 'arf of us thieves, an' the rest are as rank as can be,
But once in a while we can finish in style (which I 'ope it won't 'appen to me).

Soldier an' sailor too.

Twenty-fourth

God of our fathers, known of old,
Lord of our far-flung battle-line,
Beneath whose awful Hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine—
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

Recessional.

Twenty-fifth

"They are fools who kiss and tell"—
Wisely has the poet sung,
Man may hold all sorts of posts
If he'll only hold his tongue.

Pink Dominoes.

Twenty-sixth

The sea is a beast, but a just beast.

The Fringes of the Fleet, 1916.

Twenty-seventh

Thy face is far from this our war,
Our call and counter-cry.
I shall not find Thee quick and kind
Nor know Thee till I die.

To the True Romance.

Twenty-eighth

The sin that ye do by two and two ye must pay for one by one.

Tomlinson.

Twenty-ninth

"I never made a mistake in my life—at least, never one that I couldn't explain away afterwards."

Mrs. Hauksbee: The Education of Otis Yeere.

Thirtieth

We are all linked together, and made responsible for one another.

Thrown Away.

Thirty-first

They are too near to be great,
  But our children shall understand
When and how our fate
  Was changed, and by whose hand.

The Verdicts: Jutland.

June

First

All things considered, there are only two kinds of men in the world—those that stay at home and those that do not. The second are the most interesting.

Our Overseas Men.

Second

It is absolutely true that when a man sells his soul to the devil he does it for the price of half-nothing.

France at War.

Third

Mother Nature is beautifully tidy if you leave her alone.

In Sight of Monadnock.

Fourth

"Can thim that helps others help thimselves?"

Private Mulvaney: With the Main Guard.

Fifth

It is a hard law but an old one—Rome died learning it, as our western civilization may die—that if you give any man anything that he has not painfully earned for himself, you infallibly make him or his descendants your devoted enemies.

The Riddle of Empire.

Sixth

If she grow suddenly gracious—reflect.
  Is it all for thee?
The blackbuck is stalked through the bullock,
  and Man through jealousy.

Certain Maxims of Hafiz.

Seventh

Oh, East is East, and West is West, and
  never the twain shall meet,
Till Earth and Sky stand presently at God's
  great Judgment Seat;
But there is neither East nor West, Border,
  nor Breed, nor Birth,
When two strong men stand face to face,
  tho' they come from the ends of the
  earth!

The Ballad of East and West.

Eighth

Granted that the tourist is a dog, he comes at least with a bone in his mouth, and a bone that many people pick.

A Serpent of Old Nile.

Ninth

"As a general rule, when a man begins to abuse his wife to me, I find that the Lord gives me wherewith to answer him according to his folly: and we part with a coolness between us."

Mrs. Hauksbee: A Second-rate Woman.

Tenth

I could not look on Death, which being known,
Men led me to him, blindfold and alone.

Epitaphs: The Coward.

Eleventh

It is a venerable fact that, if a man or woman makes a practice of, and takes a delight in, believing and spreading evil of people indifferent to him or her, he or she will end in believing evil of folk very near and dear.

Watches of the Night.

Twelfth

There are three or four times in a man's life when he is justified in meddling with other people's affairs to play Providence.

Bisara of Pooree.

Thirteenth

Ye know how hard an Idol dies, an' what
that meant to me—
E'en tak' it for a sacrifice acceptable to
Thee.

MacAndrew's Hymn.

Fourteenth

Islam has but one pulpit and one stark affirmation—living or dying one only—and where men have repeated that in red-hot belief through centuries, the air still shakes to it.

A Serpent of Old Nile.

Fifteenth

. . . 'Im that doth not work must surely
die;
But that's no reason man should labour all
'Is life on one same shift; life's none so
long.

Sestina of the Tramp Royal.

Sixteenth

If Admirals will not strike the proper attitudes, nor lieutenants emit the appropriate sentiments, one is forced back on the truth, which is that the men at the heart of great matters in our Empire are mostly of an even simplicity. From the advertising point of view they are stupid, but the breed has always been stupid in this department.

The Fringes of the Fleet, 1916.

Seventeenth

"Any woman can catch a man, but very, *very* few know how to manage him when caught."

Mrs. Mallowe: The Education of Otis Yeere.

Eighteenth

Oh, my country, bless the training that from cot to castle runs—
The pitfall of the stranger but the bulwark of thy sons—
Measured speech and ordered action, sluggish soul and unperturbed,
Till we wake our Island-devil—nowise cool for being curbed!

Et Dona Ferentes.

Nineteenth

When a man does good work out of all proportion to his pay, in seven cases out of nine there is a woman at the back of the virtue. The two exceptions must have suffered from sunstroke.

His Chance in Life.

Twentieth

Cortes is not dead, nor Drake, and Sir Philip Sidney dies every few months if you know where to look.

Captains Courageous.

Twenty-first

I will arise an' get 'ence;—
I will trek South and make sure
If it's only my fancy or not
That the sunshine of England is pale
And the breezes of England are stale,
An' there's somethin' gone small with the lot.

Chant Pagan.

Twenty-second

There are not many happinesses so complete as those that are snatched under the shadow of the sword.

Without Benefit of Clergy.

Twenty-third

I took the chances they wouldn't, an' now they're calling it luck.

The Mary Gloster.

Twenty-fourth

Trust me, to-day's Most Indispensables,
Five hundred men can take your place or mine.

The Last Department.

Twenty-fifth

Inventors seem very much alike as a caste. They talk loudly, especially about "conspiracies of monopolists"; they beat upon the table with their fists; and they secrete fragments of their inventions about their person.

A Germ Destroyer.

Twenty-sixth

Time is a dangerous thing to play with.

Dead Kings.

Twenty-seventh

Twelve years in the rank and file, men say, will sap the hearts of the bravest and dull the wits of the most keen.

The Education of Otis Yeere.

Twenty-eighth

To find, to fashion, and fulfil
The cleaner life, the sterner code.

The Reformers.

Twenty-ninth

If we could only manacle four hundred Members of Parliament like the Chinese in the election cartoons and walk them round the Empire, what an all-comprehending Empire we should be when the survivors got home!

Cities and Spaces.

Thirtieth

Parsons in pulpits, taxpayers in pews,
Kings on their thrones, you know as well as me,
We've only one virginity to lose,
And where we lost it, there our hearts will be!

The Virginity.

July

First

Canada has in her time known calamity more serious than floods, frost, drought, and fire—and has macadamized some stretches of her road towards nationhood with the broken hearts of two generations.

The Road to Quebec.

Second

Buy a pup and your money will buy
Love unflinching that cannot lie—
Perfect passion and worship fed
By a kick on the ribs or a pat on the head.

The Power of the Dog.

Third

In most big undertakings one or two men do the work, while the rest sit near and talk till the ripe decorations begin to fall.

Wressley of the Foreign Office.

Fourth

The Mother of Colonies has a wonderful gift for alienating the affections of her own household by neglect.

Across a Continent.

Fifth

If you will let me, I will wish you in your future what all men desire—enough work to do, and strength enough to do your work.

Address to Medical Students, 1908.

Sixth

You know the First Signpost on the Great Main Road? "When a Woman advertises that she is virtuous, a Man that he is a gentleman, a Community that it is loyal, or a Country that it is law-abiding—go the other way!"

Newspapers and Democracy.

Seventh

"If I change my religion for my stomach's sake, I do not seek to become a martyr to missionaries, nor am I anxious for notoriety."

McIntosh Jellaludin: To be Filed for Reference.

Eighth

I aren't no 'and with the ladies,
  For, takin' 'em all along,
You never can say till you've tried 'em,
  An' then you are like to be wrong.

The Ladies.

Ninth

Pride of city, calling, class and creed imposes standards and obligations which hold men above themselves at a pinch, and steady them through long strain.

The New Army, 1915.

Tenth

Break into any new Hell or Heaven and you will be met at its well-worn threshold by the bored experts in attendance.

Up the River.

Eleventh

Bribe, murder, marry, but steer clear of Ink
  Save when you write receipts for paid-up bills in't.
There may be silver in the 'blue-black'—all
  I know of is the iron and the gall.

The Men Who Could Write.

Twelfth

"Take my word for it, the silliest woman can manage a clever man; but it needs a very clever woman to manage a fool."

Mrs. Hauksbee: Three and an Extra.

Thirteenth

Men and women die unnecessarily in the wheels, and they are said to have fallen "in the battle of life." The God Who sees us all die knows that there is far too much of that battle, but we do not, and so continue worshipping the knife that cuts and the wheel that breaks us.

On One Side Only.

Fourteenth

First to follow Truth, and last to leave old Truths behind,
France, beloved of every soul that loves its fellow-kind!

France, 1913.

Fifteenth

Next to a requited attachment, one of the most convenient things that a young man can carry about with him at the beginning of his career is an unrequited attachment.

On the Strength of a Likeness.

Sixteenth

The Englishman in his own country is taught to shirk work, because kind, silly people fall over each other to help and debauch and amuse him.

Newspapers and Democracy.

Seventeenth

"In War it is as it is in Love. Whether she be good or bad, one gives one's best once, to one only. That given, there remains no second worth giving or taking."

Pertinax: The Winged Hats.

Eighteenth

Though all we knew depart,
The old Commandments stand:—
"In courage keep up your heart,
In strength lift up your hand."

For all we have and are, 1914.

Nineteenth

"Never, never, *never* tell your wife anything that you do not wish her to remember and think over all her life. Because a woman can't forget."

Mrs. Gadsby: The Story of the Gadsbys.

Twentieth

The New Era, when individual and community alike can get something for nothing —pay without work, education without effort, religion without thought, and free government without slow and bitter toil.

Our Overseas Men.

Twenty-first

The Prairie is the High Veldt, plus Hope, Activity, and Reward.

The Fortunate Towns.

Twenty-second

A blackguard may be slow to think for himself, but he is genuinely anxious to kill, and a little punishment teaches him how to guard his own skin and perforate another's.

The Drums of the Fore and Aft.

Twenty-third

The hot irons that are held forth to scare may also sear, as those who have ever lain under an unfortunate exposition of the old Faith can attest.

The Light That Failed.

Twenty-fourth

"A liar, a flatterer, and a Jackal were all hatched out of the same egg."

The Adjutant: The Undertakers.

Twenty-fifth

'There's a lot in seeing places, because you can remember 'em afterward.'

A Serpent of Old Nile.

Twenty-sixth

Never the lotus closes, never the wild-fowl wake,
But a soul goes out on the East Wind that died for England's sake—
Man or woman or suckling, mother or bride or maid—
Because on the bones of the English the English flag is stayed.

The English Flag.

Twenty-seventh

After marriage arrives a reaction, sometimes a big, sometimes a little one.

Three and an Extra.

Twenty-eighth

Earthquakes are demoralizing; but they bring out all the weaknesses of human

nature. . . . It is wholesome and tonic to realize the powerlessness of man in the face of these little accidents.

Some Earthquakes.

Twenty-ninth

"*Do* your work with your heart's blood, but no need tó let it show."

Hal of the Draft: The Wrong Thing.

Thirtieth

Surely we are only virtuous by compulsion of earning our daily bread.

From Sea to Sea.

Thirty-first

One man in a thousand, Solomon says,
  Will stick more close than a brother,
And it's worth while seeking him half your days,
  If you find him before the other.
Nine hundred and ninety-nine depend
  On what the world sees in you,
But the Thousandth Man will stand your friend,
  With the whole round world agin you.

The Thousandth Man.

August

First

"In real life things have a knack of happening without approaching."

The Agent-General: The Vortex.

Second

"Why is it that men desire so greatly, and can do so little?"

The Buyer of the Knife: The Knife and the Naked Chalk.

Third

Providence really helps those who do not help themselves.

From Sea to Sea.

Fourth

None but the Irish can properly explain away failure.

A Fleet in Being.

Fifth

Help me to need no aid from men
That I may help such men as need.

L'Envoi: Life's Handicap.

Sixth

Allah, Who created Zeal and Pride,
Knows how the twain are perilous-near allied.

The Legend of Mirth.

Seventh

You might wall an Englishman about with cherry-trees in bloom from head to heel, and after the first day he would begin to complain of the smell.

From Sea to Sea.

Eighth

"Self-respect is self-respect all the world over."

Torpenhow: The Light That Failed.

Ninth

Only Satan can rebuke sin. The good don't know enough.

The Honours of War.

Tenth

"Each man must have his black hour, or where would be the merit of laughing?"

Rahere: The Tree of Justice.

Eleventh

If any God should will
To wipe from mind
The memory of this ill
Which is mankind
In soul and substance now—who would not bless
Even to tears His loving-tenderness?

Rebirth.

Twelfth

Preponderance of individuality was ever a bar to foreign travel.

From Sea to Sea.

Thirteenth

"The world . . . is very lovely, and it's very horrible—and it doesn't care your life or mine for pictures or anything else except doing its own work and making love."

Dick: The Light That Failed.

Fourteenth

"The curses of a fool and the dust of a journey are two things no wise man can escape."

Kadmiel: The Treasure and the Law.

Fifteenth

New peoples, in their first serious war, like girls in their first real love-affair, neither forget nor forgive. That is why it pays to keep friends with the young.

The New Army, 1915.

Sixteenth

The game is more than the player of the game,
And the ship is more than the crew!

The Fringes of the Fleet, 1916.

Seventeenth

A nation does not progress upon its brain-pan, as some books would have us believe, but upon its belly, as did the Serpent of old; and in the very long run the work of the brain comes to be gathered in by a slow-footed breed that have unimaginative stomachs and the nerves that know their place.

On One Side Only.

Eighteenth

There is sorrow enough in the natural way
From men and women to fill our day;
But when we are certain of sorrow in store,
Why do we always arrange for more?

The Power of the Dog.

Nineteenth

"It is by the things that we take for granted without word, that we live."

England. [*Speech.*]

Twentieth

Few lips would be moved to song if they could find a sufficiency of kissing.

A Conference of the Powers.

Twenty-first

This is our lot if we live so long and labour unto the end—
That we outlive the impatient years, and the much too patient friend;
And because we know we have breath in our mouth and think we have thought in our head,
We shall assume that we are alive, whereas we are really dead.

The Old Men.

Twenty-second

Seek not the favour of women. So shall you find it indeed.
Does not the boar break cover just when you're lighting a weed?

Certain Maxims of Hafiz.

Twenty-third

Until thy feet have trod the Road
Advise not wayside folk,
Nor till thy back has borne the Load
Break it upon the Broke.

The Comforters.

Twenty-fourth

Japan is a great people. Her masons play with stone, her carpenters with wood, her smiths with iron, and her artists with life, death, and all the eye can take in. Mercifully she has been denied the last touch of firmness in her character which would enable her to play with the whole round world. We possess that—we, the nation of the glass flower-shade, the pink worsted mat, the red and green china puppy dog, and the poisonous Brussels carpet. It is our compensation.

From Sea to Sea.

Twenty-fifth

The worst of it is, no man can save his brother. . . . And the worser of it is, there is no discharge in this war.

The Light That Failed.

Twenty-sixth

This world of ours, which some of us in their zeal to do better than good have helped to create, but which we must all inherit, is not a new world, but the old world grown harder. The wheel has come full circle.

England. [*Speech.*]

Twenty-seventh

Speakin' in general, I 'ave tried 'em all,
The 'appy roads that take you o'er the world.
Speakin' in general, I 'ave found them good,
For such as cannot use one bed too long.

Sestina of the Tramp Royal.

Twenty-eighth

The Navy is very old and very wise. Much of her wisdom is on record and available for reference; but more of it works in the unconscious blood of those who serve her. She has a thousand years of experience, and can find precedent or parallel

for any situation that the force of the weather or the malice of the King's enemies may bring about.

The Fringes of the Fleet, 1916.

Twenty-ninth

Thou art the Voice to kingly boys
  To lift them through the fight,
And Comfortress of Unsuccess,
  To give the dead good-night.

To the True Romance.

Thirtieth

It takes a great deal of Christianity to wipe out uncivilized Eastern instincts, such as falling in love at first sight.

Lispeth.

Thirty-first

There are a few places still left where men can handle big things with a light touch, and take more for granted in five minutes than an Englishman at home could puzzle out in a year.

Newspapers and Democracy.

September

First

Royal the pageant closes,
  Lit by the last of the sun—
Opal and ash-of-roses,
  Cinnamon, umber and dun.

Bridge-guard in the Karroo.

Second

A woman will forgive the man who has ruined her life's work so long as he gives her love: a man may forgive those who ruin the love of his life, but he will never forgive the destruction of his work.

The Light That Failed.

Third

Teach us the Strength that cannot seek,
  By deed or thought to hurt the weak;
That, under Thee, we may possess
  Man's strength to comfort man's distress.

The Children's Song.

Fourth

It may be urged that there is moral, just as much as there is mine, choke-damp. If you get into a place laden with the latter you die, and if into the home of the former you . . . behave unwisely, as constitution and temperament prompt.

Letters of Marque.

Fifth

If I were hanged on the highest hill,
  Mother o' mine, O Mother o' mine!
I know whose love would follow me still,
  Mother o' mine, O Mother o' mine!

Dedication: The Light That Failed.

Sixth

"I knew if something didn't happen, something worse would."

Leggatt: The Horse Marines.

Seventh

Each for the joy of the working, and each, in his separate star,
Shall draw the Thing as he sees it, for the God of Things as they are.

L'Envoi: Barrack-room Ballads.

Eighth

The world has a knack of spinning round all by itself.

Dick: The Light That Failed.

Ninth

"One must always risk one's life, or one's soul, or one's peace—or some little thing."

Maximus: On the Great Wall.

Tenth

After violent emotion most people and all boys demand food.

Captains Courageous.

Eleventh

I've buried my heart in a ferny hill,
  Twix' a liddle low shaw an' a great high gill,
Oh hop-bine yaller and woodsmoke blue,
  I reckon you'll keep her middling true.

A Three-Part Song.

Twelfth

Man must finish off his work—
Right or wrong, his daily work—
  And without excuses.

Stalky & Co.

Thirteenth

The raw fact of life is that mankind is just a little lower than the angels, and the conventions are based on that fact in order that men may become angels."

Ahkenaton: Dead Kings.

Fourteenth

"You remain now perhaps the only class that dares to tell the world that we can get no more out of a machine than we put into it."

Address to Medical Students, 1908.

Fifteenth

How intense is the selfishness of the irresponsible man!

Letters of Marque.

Sixteenth

The Camel's hump is an ugly lump
  Which well you may see at the Zoo;
But uglier yet is the hump we get
  From having too little to do.

Just So Stories.

Seventeenth

No man—unless he has loved her—will casually dismiss a woman on whose lap he has laid his head.

My Son's Wife.

Eighteenth

When through the Gates of Stress and Strain
  Comes forth the vast Event—
The simple, sheer, sufficing, sane
  Result of labour spent—
They that have wrought the end unthought
  Be neither saint nor sage,
But men who merely did the work
  For which they drew the wage.

The Wage-Slaves.

Nineteenth

No ship is ever at her best till you leave her. Then you hold her up as a shining example to your present craft, for that is England.

A Fleet in Being.

Twentieth

Now what is weak will surely go,
And what is strong must prove it so.

The Floods

Twenty-first

An average English householder seems to regard his country as an abstraction to supply him with policemen and fire-brigades.

From Sea to Sea, 1889.

Twenty-second

"It isn't safe to cross an old trail twice. Things remind one of things, and a cold wind gets up, and you feel sad."

Dick: The Light That Failed.

Twenty-third

"Without a horse and a dog, and a friend, man would perish. The Gods gave me all three, and there is no gift like friendship. Remember this . . . for your fate will turn on the first true friend you make."

Parnesius: On the Great Wall.

Twenty-fourth

One never knows when one's taking one's biggest risks.

Captains Courageous.

Twenty-fifth

"There is no anæsthesia so complete as man's absorption in his own job."

Speech before Royal College of Surgeons, February, 1923.

Twenty-sixth

Stand to your work and be wise—certain of sword and pen,
Who are neither children nor gods, but men in a world of men.

England's Answer.

Twenty-seventh

Pleasant it is that one heart should beat for you; but it is better when the head above that heart has been thinking hard on your behalf, and when the lips, that are also very pleasant to kiss, give wise counsel.

From Sea to Sea.

Twenty-eighth

No man can be violently restrained from going to the bad if he insists upon it.

Among the Railway Folk.

Twenty-ninth

"Monsieur is an artist, as I have been. In the end Monsieur will descend alive into hell, as I have descended."

Binat: The Light That Failed.

Thirtieth

A breath of wind, a Border bullet's flight,
A draught of water, or a horse's fright . . .
The droning of the fat *Sheristadar*
Ceases, the punkah stops, and falls the night
For You or Me.

The Last Department.

October

First

There are few things sweeter in this world than the guileless, hot-headed, intemperate, open admiration of a junior. Even a woman in her blindest devotion does not fall into the gait of the man she adores, tilt her bonnet to the angle at which he wears his hat, or interlard her speech with his pet oaths.

The Finest Story in the World.

Second

India is the one place in the world where a man can do as he pleases and nobody asks why.

The Miracle of Purun Bhagat.

Third

There has been enough of worse than bad in the world for the last few years. Our national weakness for keeping to the easiest road to the latest possible minute sooner than inconvenience ourselves or our neighbours has been visited upon us full tale.

England. [*Speech.*]

Fourth

Wood and Water, Wind and Tree,
Wisdom, Strength and Courtesy,
Jungle-favour go with thee!

The Outsong: Second Jungle Book.

Fifth

Men often do their best work blind, for someone else's sake.

Wressley of the Foreign Office.

Sixth

The hospitality that spreads tables in the wilderness, and shifts the stranger from the back of the hired camel into a two-horse victoria, must be experienced to be appreciated.

Letters of Marque.

Seventh

Smells are surer than sounds or sights
  To make your heart-strings crack—
They start those awful voices o' nights
  That whisper, "Old man, come back."
That must be why the big things pass
  And the little things remain,
Like the smell of the wattle by Lichtenberg,
  Riding in, in the rain.

Lichtenberg.

Eighth

The defeated Lover, like the successful one, believes all earth privy to his soul.

My Son's Wife.

Ninth

Things are all too deadly serious and important for anyone to insult by taking seriously.

A Fleet in Being.

Tenth

It was not part of their blood,
  It came to them very late
With long arrears to make good,
  When the English began to hate.

The Beginnings.

Eleventh

Get your facts first, then you can distort 'em as much as you please.

From Sea to Sea.

Twelfth

"Success isn't got at by sacrificing other people . . . you must sacrifice yourself, and live under orders, and never think for yourself, and never have real satisfaction in your work

except just at the beginning, when you're reaching out after a notion."

Dick: The Light That Failed.

Thirteenth

Some men are Mohammedan by birth, some by training, some by faith; but I have never met an Englishman yet who hated Islam and its people as I have met Englishmen who hated some other faiths.

A Serpent of Old Nile.

Fourteenth

No one, the owner least of all, can explain what is in a growing boy's mind.

Regulus.

Fifteenth

Ours is, after all, a kindly earth.

The Village That Voted.

Sixteenth

What man hears aught except the groaning guns?
What man heeds aught save what each instant brings?

The Fabulists.

Seventeenth

I know better than to argue when the English talk about their duty.

The House Surgeon.

Eighteenth

The Englishman's aggressive altruism always leads him to build towns for others, and incite aliens to serve on municipal boards. Then he gets tired of his weakness and starts papers to condemn himself.

From Sea to Sea.

Nineteenth

Who once hath dealt in the wildest game
  That all of a man can play,
No later love, no larger fame,
  Will lure him long away.

The Press.

Twentieth

"We're all been one sort of fool or t'other."

Mr. Springett: The Wrong Thing.

Twenty-first

I have given my heart to a flower,
Though I know it is fading away,
Though I know it will live but an hour
And leave me to mourn its decay!

Marklake Witches.

Twenty-second

Food and drink are the very best of drugs.

The Honours of War.

Twenty-third

Time, not thy ne'er so timely speech,
  Life, not thy views thereon,
Shall furnish or deny to each
  His consolation.

The Comforters.

Twenty-fourth

"The Lord is a just and a terrible God, with a very strong sense of humour."

Dick: The Light That Failed.

Twenty-fifth

"We're all inclined to say that everything is all right as long as we ourselves aren't hurt."

The Reverend John: Stalky & Co.

Twenty-sixth

Needs must all please, yet some not all for need;
Needs must all toil, yet some not all for gain,
But that men taking pleasure may take heed,
Whom present toil shall snatch from later pain.

The Fabulists.

Twenty-seventh

"We know the very worst that can happen to us, but we do not know the best that love can bring us."

The Girl: The Children of the Zodiac.

Twenty-eighth

It is a curious thing that, when a man hates or loves beyond reason, he is ready to go beyond reason to gratify his feelings; which he would not do for money or power merely.

The Bisara of Pooree.

Twenty-ninth

Teach us Delight in simple things,
And Mirth that has no bitter springs;
Forgiveness free of evil done,
And Love to all men 'neath the sun!

The Children's Song.

Thirtieth

Praised be Allah for the diversity of His Creatures!

Mountains and the Pacific.

Thirty-first

America is a very great country, but it is not yet Heaven with electric lights and plush fittings.

From Sea to Sea.

November

First

"It's more easy to get rid of three women than a piece of one's life and surroundings."

The Nilghai: The Light That Failed.

Second

"You've got to live with the sound of the suffering of millions in your ears all your life, whatever you do. We're all in for that. We can't get away from it. We pay that price for daring to be happy for one little second."

Nick: The Naulahka.

Third

It is not natural for man to go underground except for business or for the last time.

Ahkenaton.

Fourth

Love knows no caste.

In Flood Time.

Fifth

Hard her service, poor her payment—she in ancient, tattered raiment—
India, she the grim Stepmother of our kind.
If a year of life be lent her, if her Temple's shrine we enter,
The door is shut—we may not look behind.

Christmas in India.

Sixth

The Englishman is a born kicker. He kicks on principle, and that is what makes for civilization.

Newspapers and Democracy.

Seventh

"Borrow trouble for yourself, if that's your nature, but don't lend it to your neighbours."

Puck: Cold Iron.

Eighth

"It's only the voice of the tiniest little fraction of people that makes success. The real world doesn't care a tinker's—doesn't care a bit."

Dick: The Light That Failed.

Ninth

We cannot answer, alas! for the friends of our friends.

Stalky & Co.

Tenth

We hold that in all disaster
  Of shipwreck, storm, or sword,
A man must stand by his master
  When once he has pledged his word!

Song of the Red War-boat.

Eleventh

All that they had they gave—they gave—
  In sure and single faith.
There can no knowledge reach their grave
  To make them grudge their death
Save only if they understand
  That, after all was done,
We they redeemed denied their blood
  And mocked the gains it won.

The King's Pilgrimage.

"One cannot resume a broken world as easily as one can resume a broken sentence. But before long our sons who have spent themselves in suffering and toiling to abolish the menace of barbarism will recover also from the menace of moral lassitude."

Speech at the Sorbonne: Nov. 19th, 1921.

Twelfth

Inspiration is fleeting, beauty is vain, and the power of the mind for wonder limited.

From Sea to Sea.

Thirteenth

A man hasn't any standards. He makes 'em. A woman's the most standardized being in the world. She has to be.

Up the River.

Fourteenth

No one, not even the Supreme Government, knows everything about the administration of the Empire.

On the City Wall.

Fifteenth

Our lives, our tears, as water,
  Are poured upon the ground;
God giveth no man quarter,
  Yet God a means hath found;
Though faith and hope have vanished
  And even love grows dim,
A means whereby His banished,
  Be not expelled from Him.

The Rabbi's Song.

Sixteenth

"Any man can lie to a God, but no man can lie to a woman."

The Priestess: The Knife and the Naked Chalk.

Seventeenth

Trust a Globe-trotter for evolving a theory at a minute's notice.

Letters of Marque.

Eighteenth

Great is the Smell of the East! Railways, telegraphs, docks, and gunboats cannot banish it, and it will endure till the railways are dead. He who has not smelt that smell has never lived.

The Edge of the East.

Nineteenth

The Pope may launch his Interdict,
  The Union its decree,
But the bubble is blown and the bubble is pricked
By us and such as We.

The Press.

Twentieth

There is more joy in England over a soldier who insubordinately steps out of square to rescue a comrade than over twenty generals slaving even to baldness at the gross details of transport and commissariat.

The Light That Failed.

Twenty-first

The world wants nothing done for it, and visits with displeasure those who must prod up its lazy content.

The Naulahka.

Twenty-second

"When you find a variation from the normal always meet him in an abnormal way."

The Head: Stalky & Co.

Twenty-third

"All sensible men are of the same religion, but no sensible man ever tells."

The Riddle of the Sphinx.

Twenty-fourth

It is strange that men to whom life is a joke find comfort in women to whom it is a prayer.

The Naulahka.

Twenty-fifth

If He play, being young and unskilful, for shekels of silver and gold,
Take His money, my son, praising Allah,
The kid was ordained to be sold.

Certain Maxims of Hafiz.

Twenty-sixth

Himself is the one enemy against which no law can protect any son of Adam; since the real reasons that make or break a man are too absurd or too obscene to be reached from outside.

Up the River.

Twenty-seventh

"No God in any Heaven shall say that I came to Him or left Him because I was wet and cold."

Meon: The Conversion of St. Wilfrid.

Twenty-eighth

"All new things are sorrow."

The Mother: The Knife and the Naked Chalk.

Twenty-ninth

When you are too lucky, sacrifice something, a beloved pipe for choice, to Ganesh.

Letters of Marque.

Thirtieth

The races which work and do not form committees are going into Canada at least as fast as ours. It makes one jealous and afraid to watch aliens taking, and taking honestly, so much of the treasure of good fortune and sane living.

The Fortunate Towns.

December

First

Lord forgi'e us for our responsibility one to another!

From Sea to Sea.

Second

"Here is a man, presumably human, who mentions the name of one woman only. And I've seen a good deal of delirium, too."

Torpenhow: The Light That Failed.

Third

You'll never plumb the Oriental mind,
And if you did, it isn't worth the toil.

One Viceroy Resigns.

Fourth

The younger generation does not want instruction, being perfectly willing to instruct if anyone will listen to it.

The Education of Otis Yeere.

Fifth

One hears stories of men who take a poor, impoverished State as a man takes a wife, "for better or worse," and, moved by some incomprehensible ideal of virtue, consecrate—that is not too big a word—consecrate their lives to that State in all single-heartedness and purity. Such men are few, but they exist to-day, and their names are great in lands where no Englishman travels.

Letters of Marque.

Sixth

"One cannot feed some things on names and songs. It is better—always better—to count one's children safe round the fire, their Mother among them."

The Buyer of the Knife: The Knife and the Naked Chalk.

Seventh

For private rage it is always refreshing to find vent in public swearing.

Judson and the Empire.

Eighth

A sober-sided man's one love colours and dislocates all his after days.

Regulus.

Ninth

"O blessed conceit, what should we be without you?"

Mrs. Hauksbee: The Education of Otis Yeere.

Tenth

Take of English earth as much
As either hand may rightly clutch,
In the taking of it breathe
Prayer for all who lie beneath—
Not the great nor well bespoke,
But the mere uncounted folk
Of whose life and death is none
Report or lamentation.
Lay that earth upon thy heart,
And thy sickness shall depart.

A Charm.

Eleventh

"There is only the one Mother for the one son."

The Buyer of the Knife: The Knife and the Naked Chalk.

Twelfth

After all, comparative civilization has its advantages.

Letters of Marque.

Thirteenth

I wonder sometimes whether any eminent novelist, philosopher, dramatist, or divine of to-day has to exercise half the pure imagination, not to mention insight, endurance, and self-restraint, which is accepted without comment in what is called "the material exploitation" of a new country.

A People at Home.

Fourteenth

In six cases out of ten, a dying man calls for his mother.

To be Filed for Reference.

Fifteenth

Until steam replaces manual power in the working of the Empire, there must always be the men who are used up, expended, in the mere mechanical routine.

The Education of Otis Yeere.

Sixteenth

"Let us now praise famous men"—
  Men of little showing—
For their work continueth
And their work continueth,
Broad and deep continueth,
  Greater than their knowing!

Stalky & Co.

Seventeenth

I respect a man who is not able to spell Hell properly. It shows that he has been brought up in an amiable creed.

From Sea to Sea.

Eighteenth

It is bad for any Government that its servants should grin at it. Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft; and irreverence is the parent of rebellion.

Among the Railway Folk.

Nineteenth

Neither religion, training, nor education avails anything against the force of circumstances that drive a man.

From Sea to Sea.

Twentieth

To each man is appointed his particular dread—the terror that, if he does not fight against it, must cow him even to the loss of his manhood.

The Light That Failed.

Twenty-first

Men are licensed to stumble, but a clever woman's mistake is outside the regular course of Nature and Providence.

The Education of Otis Yeere.

Twenty-second

It is good, good beyond expression, to see the sun rise upon a strange land and to know that you have only to go forward and possess that land—that it will dower you before the day is ended with a hundred new impressions and, perhaps, one idea.

Letters of Marque.

Twenty-third

"What's the use of trying to make things worse? Let's find things to do, and forget things."

Maisie: The Light That Failed.

Twenty-fourth

The blazer and the town-made gown are innocent recruiting sergeants for the city brigades, and since one man's profession is ever a mystery to his fellow, blazer and gown believe that the farmer must be happy and content.

On One Side Only.

Twenty-fifth

High noon behind the tamarisks—the sun is hot above us—
As at home the Christmas Day is breaking wan.
They will drink our healths at dinner—those who tell us how they love us,
And forget us till another year be gone!

Christmas in India.

Twenty-sixth

Surely the safest way to be fooled is to know everything.

From Sea to Sea.

Twenty-seventh

A race that has been persecuted or—what comes to the same thing—bored, by every persecuted refugee to whom they have ever given an asylum, naturally learns to tolerate anything.

England. [*Speech.*]

Twenty-eighth

"It is above all things strange to see how men bear ill news! Often the strongest till then becomes the weakest, while the weakest, as it were, reach up and steal strength from the gods."

Parnesius: The Winged Hats.

Twenty-ninth

No man can grasp the inwardness of an employ by the light of pure reason—even though that reason be Republican. He must serve an apprenticeship to one craft and learn that craft all the days of his life if he wishes to excel therein.

From Sea to Sea.

Thirtieth

"Hadst thou not called it Love, I had said it were a drawn sword,
But since thou hast spoken, I believe and—I die."

One View of the Question.

Thirty-first

I wish myself could talk to myself as I left 'im a year ago;
I could tell 'im a lot that would save 'im a lot on the things 'e ought to know!

M. I. (Mounted Infantry of the Line).

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